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FACULTY SENATE CURRICULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Minutes for the seventh meeting of the 2010-2011 academic year - corrected.  
As corrected

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28 2011 in Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Mundorf presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Brand, Doerner, Englander, Honhart, Jervis, MacDonald, Misto, Mundorf, Nassersharif, and Owens; Vice Provost Beauvais; Associate Dean Quina; Ms. Buss representing the Dean of University College.

Guest: Professor Torrens from the Office of Online Learning and Technology.

- II. The Minutes of Meeting #6, February 28, 2011 were approved with the following corrections:

- Add Professor Owens to the list of members present at the meeting.
- Complete the third paragraph under item III to read as follows:

Vice Provost Beauvais explained that the Office of the Provost and the FSEC agreed that the Curricular Affairs Committee should provide oversight for the syllabus materials.

Chairperson Mundorf requested and received permission to change the order of business and move to item E under "V. New Business"

V. NEW BUSINESS

E. Online Courses

After discussion of proposals for a process for identifying blended courses on ecampus for registration, Professor Torrens agreed to refine the proposal and bring it back to the CAC for further consideration.

III. REPORTS

Ms. Grubman announced that she would have two items of New Business to add to the Agenda for consideration.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

College of Engineering

Department of Ocean Engineering

Ms. Grubman reported that she had forwarded the syllabus guidelines that appear on the IDP website to the instructor and requested that he provide the CAC with a more substantial syllabus for OCE 467 based on

the guidelines. She said that she had not received anything from the instructor or the Department Chairperson. The item remained as unfinished business.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### A. College of Arts and Sciences

#### 1. Department of Communication Studies

- ℓ a. The change in title for COM 310 was approved.
- ℓ b. The change in prerequisite for COM 461 was approved.

#### 2. Department of English

- ℓ a. The change in description for ENG 338, ENG 347, ENG 374 and ENG 385 was approved.
- b. The change in title, description, and/or method of instruction for the following courses was removed from the Consent Agenda and referred back to the department for further clarification of "seminar." After additional information was provided these changes were approved by electronic mail subsequent to the meeting.
  - 1) ENG 396
  - 2) ENG 446
  - 3) ENG 447
  - 4) ENG 469
  - 5) ENG 472
  - 6) ENG 480
  - 7) ENG 482
  - 8) ENG 485
  - 9) ENG 486
  - 10) ENG 487
- c. Consideration of the change in description, method of instruction, and prerequisites for ENG 489 was postponed. After additional information was provided these changes were approved by electronic mail subsequent to the meeting.
- ℓ d. The change in course code and description for CLS 250 to ENG 250 was approved.
- ℓ e. The deletion of ENG 448 and ENG 499 was approved.

#### 2. Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures

The addition of CHN 315, CHN 316 and CHN 497, 498 was approved.

#### 3. Department of Psychology

- a. The change in level, number, credits, description and method of instruction for PSY 300 to PSY 200 was approved. Ms. Grubman agreed to confirm with the department chair that prerequisites for courses that currently include PSY 300 would change as well.
- b. The addition of a minor in Psychology was approved.
- c. The change in credits for a major in Psychology was approved.

## B. College of Engineering

### 1. Department of Chemical Engineering and Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Systems Engineering

Following discussion, it was agreed to consider the addition of CHE 474 (or MCE 474) by email pending revision of the syllabus in response to the syllabus guidelines. The addition of CHE 474 (or MCE 474) was subsequently approved by electronic mail.

### 2. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

- a. The addition of CVE 400 was approved. Ms. Grubman was asked to verify the semester offered so it is consistent with the revised curriculum.
- b. The change in curriculum for the B.S. degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering was approved.

### 3. Department of Electrical, Computer and Biomedical Engineering

- ☞ a. The change in description and prerequisite for ELE 212 was approved.
- ☞ b. The change in prerequisite for ELE 220, ELE 313 and ELE 338 was approved.
- ☞ c. The change in variable credits for ELE 391, ELE 392, ELE 393, ELE 491, ELE 492, ELE 493 from 1-3 to 1-4 was approved.
- d. The addition of the following BME 391 and BME 491 was approved.
- e. The change in curricular requirements for the following majors was approved:
  - 1) Biomedical Engineering
  - 2) Computer Engineering
  - 3) Electrical Engineering

### 4. Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Systems Engineering

- ☞ The change in title and description for MCE 372 was approved.

## C. College of Human Science and Services

Department of Human Development and School of Education

Consideration of the following matters was postponed pending receipt of additional information:

- a. Change in requirements for Early Childhood
- b. Addition of the following new courses:
  - 1) EDC 426 (EDC 350?)
  - 2) HDF 301
  - 3) HDF 303
  - 4) HDF 420
- c. Change in description and prerequisite for HDF 455.
- d. Removal of EDC 429, HDF 302, and 305 as required courses in the Early Childhood program

D. Honors Program

Consideration of the following changes was postponed pending receipt of clarifying information:

- 1. Change in credits for the following courses from 3 to 3-4:
  - a. HPR 107
  - b. HPR 108
  - c. HPR 109
  - d. HPR 110
  - e. HPR 112
  - f. HPR 119
  - g. HPR 124
  - h. HPR 125
  - i. HPR 307
  - j. HPR 308
  - k. HPR 411, 412
- 2. Change in credits and prerequisite for the following courses:
  - a. HPR 301
  - b. HPR 302
- 3. Change in credits from 1-4 to 3-4 for the following courses:
  - a. HPR 309
  - b. HPR 310
  - c. HPR 319
  - d. HPR 324
  - e. HPR 325
- 4. The deletion of HPR 313, 314 was approved.

The following items of new business were added to the Agenda:

F. College of Pharmacy and College of Engineering

Department of Chemical Engineering

The change in description/prerequisite for the following courses by adding: "Open to CHE students in pharmaceutical track" was approved:

- 1) BPS 301
- 2) BPS 303
- 3) BPS 305
- 4) BPS 425
- 5) PHC 502

G. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

Department of Geosciences

The change in name of the B.S. degree in Geosciences to "B.S. degree in Geology and Geological Oceanography" and two options to "Geology" and "Geological Oceanography" was approved.

Chairperson Mundorf thanked Professor Englander who was completing his second consecutive three-year term on the CAC and would not be able to attend the April meeting.

Professor Englander read the following statement into the Minutes of the meeting:

Please consider as my legacy for the decades of my service on this committee the very-real concern we should have about identity fraud. Yes, imposters can happen in large f-2-f classes in which we cannot know by face each individual (although I.D. carding CAN be done at exams), but is far less likely in upper level classes which are usually smaller. On-line identity impersonation is far too easily done, for friendship or fee. There needs to be at least one evaluative exercise in at least every upper level course that is f-2-f. I've so enjoyed working alongside the members of this committee through the years as well as the sense of value that we are, truly, the guardians of academic credibility at URI. Larry Englander

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Black Grubman

ADDENDUM

The following additional matters were approved by electronic mail subsequent to the meeting:

The request from the Philosophy department to add PHL 103 (Vaccaro) to the list of online courses was approved.

The request from the Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design to clarify dates for addition of TMD 126 as prerequisite for other courses was approved